Before The

Federal Communications Commission

Washington, D.C. 20554

In re Amendment of

Section 73.202(b)
Table of Allotments
FM Broadcast Stations
Linn, Missouri

File No.

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To: Chief, Allocations Branch

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Petition for Rulemaking

R. Lee and Sarah H. Wheeler, pursuant to Sections 1.401 and 1.420 of the Commission's rules and by their attorneys, hereby request that the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to amend the Table of FM Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules. Specifically, the Wheelers request that the Table of FM Allotments be amended so as to allocate Channel 276A to Linn, Missouri, as that community's first commercial channel. In support thereof the following is stated:

Linn, Missouri, is an incorporated city with a mayor and city council form of government. The population of Linn, according to the 1990 U.S. census, is 1,211 persons. Linn has its own post office with its own zip code, 65051. It is also the county seat of Osage County, Missouri, which has a population of 12,018 persons. It has its own police and fire departments. In addition, the Osage County Sheriff's Department is based in Linn. The educational needs of its citizens are met by the Linn R-2 school district, which instructs students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Parochial education is provided by the St. George School, while higher education needs are served by the Linn State Technical College.

Linn provides its citizens with water and sewer needs through a municipally owned water treatment plant and sewage plant. Linn has a municipal park with an additional park that is presently under construction. Medical needs for the community are provided by the Linn Family Health Care Center, as well as several independent physicians and dentists. Linn has numerous businesses, including new car dealers, banks, restaurants, grocers and video tape rental outlets.

Despite Linn's status, no broadcast facilities of any type are allocated to the community. Allocation of Channel 276A would remedy this deficiency.

As the attached engineering study demonstrates, allocation of Channel 276A to Linn can be accomplished with no site restriction and

in complete accordance with the Commission's allocation rules. Because Linn is not located in or around any urbanized area, there is no need to provide any analysis demonstrating that Linn is separate and distinct from any neighboring jurisdiction.

The allocation of Channel 276A to Linn is in the public interest.

The proposal would permit Linn to receive its first local broadcast service, thereby serving the highest of the Commission's allocation priorities:

[T]here are virtually no populated areas of the country where our higher allotment priorities, such as first reception service, have not been attained. Therefore, as a practical matter, provision of first local service is the highest of our allotment priorities which remains in any significant degree unsatisfied.

Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License, 5 FCC Rcd 7094, 7096 (1990). In addition, the broadcast facility that could be built if this proposal is adopted would provide an additional aural reception service to a population of 30,317 persons.

The Wheelers will apply for an authorization to construct the new facility on Channel 276A at Linn if the allocation is adopted by the Commission.

Accordingly, the Wheelers respectfully request that the Table of FM Allotments be amended as follows:

Community	Present Aliotment	Proposed Alletment
Linn, Missouri		276A

Respectfully submitted,

R. Lee and Sarah H. Wheeler

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Engineering Study

Proposed Rule Making to Allocate Channel 276 A to Linn, Missouri

This consultant, on behalf of himself and his wife, is preparing an engineering statement in support of a Proposed Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments, 47 CFR 73.202 (b), by adding Channel 276 A to Linn, Missouri as its first local service.

A full commercial channel search of the Commission's July 3, 1998 FM database was performed in order to determine the availability of an FM channel for allocation to Linn, Missouri. The study revealed that Channel 276 A could be allocated to Linn with no site restriction.

The coordinates of Linn, Missouri are listed by the United States Census Bureau as follows:

38° 28' 51" N. Latitude 91° 50' 40" W. Longitude

6025 MARTWAY SUITE 112 MISSION, KS 66202 913.362.7282 913.362.7287 Channel 276 A meets all minimum spacing requirements of 47 CFR 73.207 from the coordinates of Linn and, as such, those coordinates are suitable as allocation coordinates as well. Exhibit 1 of this report is a copy of the Commission's database search confirming the proposed allocation's compliance with 47 CFR 73.207.

Exhibit 2 is a digitally generated map, generated from USGS and NGDC data, which indicates the reference site, the open area in which to locate a suitable transmitter facility, and the predicted 60 dBu contour of a model Class A at the proposed allocation site.

Linn, Missouri

Linn, Missouri is an incorporated city with a Mayor and City Council form of government. The population of Linn is 1211 persons according to the 1990 US Census. Linn has its own Post Office and its own, unique, Zip Code, 65051. Linn is the County Seat of Osage County, Missouri, a county with a population of 12,018 persons. Public protection is provided by the Linn Police Department, the Linn Volunteer Fire Department, as well as the Osage County Sheriff's Department which is based in Linn. Educational needs of the citizens of Linn are provided by the Linn R-2 School district which covers Kindergarten to 12th Grade. Parochial education is provided by the St. George School. Higher education is provided by the Linn State Technical College. Linn is home to a branch of the Missouri Regional Library System.

Linn provides its citizens with water and sewer needs through a municipally owned water treatment plant and sewage plant. Linn has a municipal park with an additional park that is presently under construction. Medical needs for the community are provided by the Linn Family Health Care Center as well as several independent physicians and dentists. Linn has numerous businesses including new car dealers, banks, restaurants, grocers, video tape rentals, etc.

Conclusion

Linn, Missouri is a community deserving of its first commercial FM service and the proposed Channel 276 A allocation provides that service. The reference facility would provide an additional aural service to a population of 30,317 Persons. The first local service at Linn would further provide Osage County with its first local aural service. Linn is not located in nor is it near an Urbanized Area as defined by the US Census. In light of the above facts, this proposal is clearly in the public interest and it is respectfully requested that 47 CFR 73.202(b) be amended as follows:

Community	Present	Proposed		
Linn, MO	-	276 A		

Certification

All information contained in this report is true and accurate to the best of my belief. Having had numerous matters before the Commission, my qualifications are a matter of record.

Date

R. Lee Wheeler

Exhibit 1

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Channel 276 A Linn, MO

REFERENCE 38 28 51 N 91 50 40 W	CLASS A Current rules spa CHANNEL 276 -103.	cings 1 MHz	DISPLA DATA SEARCH	Y DATES 07-05-98 07-07-98
CALL CH# CITY TYPE LAT	STATE LNG PWR	BEAR' D-KM HT D-Mi	R-KM R-Mi	MARGIN (KM)
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LI CN 37 49 10	on MO 92 44 51 100.000 kW casting, Inc.	300M 67.1	59.0	12.96
KJEL 279C Leband LI CN 37 41 10 9 Ozark Broadd >auxiliary facility	on MO 92 41 39 30.000 kW casting, Inc. Y	220.3 115.49 79M 71.8 BLH9603	95.0 59.0 11KD	20.49
KJEL.C 279C Leband CP CN 37 41 06 9 Ozark Broadd	on MO 92 41 40 30.000 kW casting, Inc.	220.3 115.60 79M 71.8 BPH9803	95.0 59.0 09IJ 0	20.60 00102
AD274 274C3 Waynes AD 37 49 09 9 Pulaski Cour	sville MO 92 09 06 0.000 kW nty Broadcasters I n 89-120-Pet for Reco	200.2 78.22 0M 48.6 RM6701	42.0 26.1	
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CLASS A

CALL TYPE	CH# LAT	CIT	Y LNG	STATE PWR	BEAR '	D-KM D-Mi	R-KM R-Mi	MARGIN (KM)
AD >PRM-Pe	CTC Cc	mmun	92 09 06 ications, n		ОМ	48.6 RM6701	19.3	
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